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# In Retrospect

ELIZABETH PATTON, *State Pres.*  
Garfield Junior High School, Berkeley

The beginning of this first postwar year marked the first year of the fourth decade in the history of our Association. 1945-1946 might well be called a transition year, for the war with its stress and strain was over and we suddenly found ourselves in a new world, facing new problems. The library world had been unpleasantly conscious that during the war years professional ground lost, owing to lack of State and Regional meetings, the scattering of professional personnel, limited student groups in library schools, as well as other factors of disintegration, would be won back with difficulty, an arduous but a difficult task.

At its meeting in September the State Board set up a state-wide aggressive promotion program for raising standards for school libraries. The Douglas Report—School Libraries for Today and Tomorrow—was approved and the State professional and the Publicity committee, a new committee this year, were to promote it. The Professional committee was also to survey library school offerings which were of interest to school librarians in order to evaluate these courses. The "Proposal on need for Consultant on Children's Literature in the Library of Congress" was endorsed. The Board approved as a worthy state-wide project the collection of books for the devastated school libraries in the Philippine Islands. In lieu of a State meeting due to war time restrictions this first peace year, a Joint meeting of the State Executive Board and the Advisory Councils of the Northern and Southern Sections was recommended.

Toward these objectives this program has been promoted throughout the year. I cannot praise too highly the splendid accomplishments

of the three active State committees, the Professional, Marjorie Fullwood, chairman; Publicity, Mrs. Maurine Hardin, chairman; The Philippine Book Drive, Abbie Doughty and Lucile Wester, chairmen. Their individual reports in this Bulletin show the results of much time and effort involved in the respective activities.

## Affiliations.

Your president has had very pleasant contacts, by correspondence, with Miss Snow, chairman of the American Association of School Librarians, Miss Shields, chairman of the committee on Publicity for School Library Standards and with other A. L. A. members.

## Meetings Attended.

1. Your president serves as S. L. A. C. representative on the State Council of C. T. A. She attended this meeting in Los Angeles in December, 1945 and in San Francisco in April. Her committee assignment was Intercultural Relations. In connection with the April meeting she was asked to attend a special meeting on the reorganization of affiliated groups of C. T. A. It would seem that greater benefit might be derived from our affiliation with C. T. A. if our State representative could serve longer than one term, the present arrangement.

2. Two Bay Section C. T. A. Council meetings were also attended.

3. As your representative an invitation to a meeting of Casa Hispana in Berkeley was accepted. This was called to co-ordinate our efforts toward a mutual understanding with Latin American countries and the United States. Various educational and social groups discussed unification toward that end.

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# Highlights of State Joint Meeting

MAURINE HARDIN, *Pub. Chrmn.*

University High School, Oakland

The State Executive Council arrived by plane, train and motor, from the Northern and Southern parts of the state at the Hotel Californian, Fresno, to meet for the first time since 1941. Due to war time restrictions, our annual state meetings had been discontinued, as were those of the Executive Council. Now, Elizabeth Patton, President, had called the group together for progress reports and to formulate plans concerning this first post war year, which also introduces the first year of the fourth decade in the history of our state association.

Upon arrival we were concerned with preliminary business, informal introductions and discussions of the committee work that could be initiated immediately. The Manual, for Officers and Committee Chairmen, and a revised Handbook were two pressing problems on which committees needed to concentrate. Miss Patton urged a complete revision to include history of the association, contributions of members to periodicals, etc., for the Handbook had not been revised since 1936. Dorothy McGee, of Sacramento, and Marjorie Schramling, of Long Beach, were appointed co-chairmen, with Marvin Cragun in charge of publication.

A local committee had arranged a delicious dinner, following which the president called for progress reports. Dorothy McGee, Northern Section President, and Winifred Andrews, Southern Section President, introduced their officers and committee chairmen. Approximately forty officers and chairmen welcomed this opportunity to learn of the work of similar committees in each section that had been carried on during the war. Future plans were discussed.

The membership chairmen from both sections cheered our hearts when their reports revealed such rapid growth during this first post war year. Our state membership now totals almost 500.

A significant report was one given by Jessie Boyd, C. T. A. Bay Section Council Representative, Chairman of Certification and Teacher Training, and Chairman of the Bay Section Fall Training Conference. She told of the opportunity for discussion and interchange of ideas between teachers and librarians brought about in the Fall conference, 1945. A survey made by this group shows a trend toward Institute Workshops, rather than the traditional form of Institute. In these librarians can help greatly. The group was also interested in our BULLETIN and the publicity program of our organizations.

As a contribution of the Northern Section to the State Professional Committee, Dora Smith reported progress on construction of a questionnaire to be sent to the library school graduates of the last ten years to ascertain what they thought of their training. The questionnaire has been sent first to the school directors, to Miss Gillis, Miss Hostetter, etc., for suggestions. Next year they will be sent to the graduates and should provide good ammunition for further training programs.

The BULLETIN Editor, Marvin Cragun, urged more universal interest in and support of the BULLETIN which is one of two school library publications in the entire nation. The BULLETIN has been our principal source of strength and unity during the war years.

One of the major projects of the Association during the past year, which has brought satisfaction to

those participating, was that of the Philippine Book drive. The two chairmen, Abbie Doughty, of Los Angeles, and Lucile Wester, of Oakland, made reports on the contributions to date. Although the drive is not yet over, collections are \$585, plus 52,000 volumes that have been donated. All of the money will be spent for more books, to go with those donated, toward replenishment of devastated libraries in the Philippine Islands. The titles included specific requests from a list of 266 selected by the Philippine National Committee, and are representative of their needs.

The Handbook Committee, following the afternoon's work, made its first report outlining the completed tentative plans to include the constitution, history of the Association, contributions of members to professional publications, and messages from A. L. A. officers and Library School heads.

A large portion of the work on the MANUAL was also completed. This will fill a great need of the officers and committee chairmen of the state and both sections. When completed the MANUAL will contain the duties, obligations and recommended activities of each officer and chairman as well as the constitution. It will be supplementary to the materials found so useful in the Northern Section, in their black notebooks handed down to each officer during the past several years.

Work of the Executive Board continued on into the night. Sunday morning breakfast brought the energetic librarians into a final session before returning to their homes.

Reports from Marjorie Fullwood, Professional Chairman, and Mrs. Maurine S. Hardin, Publicity Chairman, disclosed cooperation and activity in writing and placing articles about our profession. The publicity chairman was a newly created state office this year. The Executive Board voted, last fall, to have efforts concentrated on reaching administra-

tors, raising of standards, and recruitment activity. Articles were placed in the SCHOOL EXECUTIVE, JOURNAL of the NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, WESTERN JOURNAL OF EDUCATION, A. L. A. JOURNAL, CALIFORNIA JOURNAL OF SECONDARY EDUCATION, WILSON BULLETIN. The following articles were placed:

A significant contribution of the Southern Sectional Professional Committee, headed by Clara Josselyn, and Alexander Frazier, Secondary Curriculum Coordinator in Los Angeles, was made. It was called SCHOOL LIBRARIANS NAME THEIR PROBLEMS.

A companion article, WHAT DOES A SCHOOL LIBRARIAN DO? was placed in the same magazines with the above.

A third article, closely related to these, explained the multiple guidance program in the school librarians' day.

Two articles AN EVALUATION OF ONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY IN TERMS OF THE DOUGLAS REPORT, and one on ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CATALOGING were contributions of Long Beach Librarians, Lois Fannin and Marjorie Fullwood. Another SUMMARY OF THE DOUGLAS REPORT was written by Alice Stoeltzing and Marjorie Fullwood.

This progress in our publicity program coincided with the findings of an A. L. A. committee, headed by Jewel Gardiner, which reported on results of a survey of educational periodicals. The need for more school library publicity was expressed.

The survey and inventory of 108 magazines was made by twelve committee members. They found three state and regional library association BULLETINS in the field. New Jersey was the only other school asso-

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## FOR MEMBERS ONLY

M. W. CRAGUN

Most of the important work of our organization is done by small groups working in committees. They work long and arduously, but many times their work is filed away without due consideration. Often a committee's report gives a clue for future study which must be carried out by subsequent committees. Sometimes the real effect of a study is seen only after a year or more.

The editor felt that more attention should be given to these reports than has previously been the case. With that object in mind, we asked the section presidents to collect and summarize all the committee reports. It was only possible to print a brief summary or condensation of the work done by each group. However, the careful reader will be able to see the subjects studied, the achievements recorded, and the recommendations made. It is very important that each member of our organization acquaint himself with the work of these committees. No just appraisal of the year's accomplishments can be made without such study.

We sincerely believe that when the members realize fully the work done by the officers and the committees, they will be more willing to assist in future assignments and wholeheartedly support our efforts in the years to come.

It is with a feeling of relief and regret that we turn over our office to the new editorial staff; relief to know that next year's Bulletin will be better than ever, and regret that we will no longer be able to watch the issues as they develop. We hope that every member will give as fine support to next year's staff as he did to ours. Carry on, Ben!



# State Publicity Report

MAURINE HARDIN, *Chairman*  
University High School, Oakland

## ANNUAL REPORT of the State Publicity Committee of the School Library Association of California. 1945-1946

The Publicity Committee is a new committee approved by the State Executive Board in September 1945, to work in conjunction with the State Professional Committee this first post-war year. It was felt that wide publicity of state projects should be undertaken in order to increase understanding of our professional standards among school administrators, and to aid the recruitment program which had lacked promotion during the war years.

Marjorie Fullwood and her Professional Committee have submitted several studies of far reaching value to our profession:

A. "School Libraries For Today and Tomorrow"—A Summary.

B. "An evaluation of an Elementary School Library System in terms of the Long Beach Program" (Refers to the recent Douglas Report).

C. "School Library Cataloging in the Long Beach System."

D. Collaborated with the Publicity Committee in preparation of an article on Multiple Guidance.

In addition, the School Library Check List, based on the Douglas Report and called "School Librarians Name Their Problems" was another project of the Southern Section Professional Committee, headed by Clara Josselyn, and Alexander Frazier, Curriculum Coordinator of the Los Angeles County Secondary Schools. The first portion of this report was placed in The School Execu-

tive, with a Publicity Committee article called "What Does A School Librarian Do?" These two articles made excellent companions, giving a vivid picture of school libraries to school administrators. A third article, to supplement these, is in progress and is a joint contribution of the Professional and Publicity Committees. It is the one referred to above on multiple guidance, and will include aspects of social, vocational, personal and reading guidance as a part of a school librarian's day.

An article on A. L. A. and S. L. A. C. membership appeared in the Sierra Educational News, January, 1946, as did A Review of the Douglas Report.

Cooperation and interest in aiding us to reach school administrators to achieve better standards, has been expressed by the following journals in which we have and are placing the above articles:

California Library Association Bulletin.

Journal of the National Education Association.

Journal of Secondary Education, California.

The School Executive.

Sierra Educational News.

School Library Association of California, Bulletin.

Western Journal of Education.

Wilson Bulletin.

(Mrs.) Maurine S. Hardin,  
Chairman

University High School, Oakland.

Esther Wollam of Jordan High School is now Mrs. Cornelius Bennett. Her husband was Director for the Red Cross in the Southwest Pacific for two and a half years.

# Philippine Book Drive



Book Drive at Garfield Junior High School, Berkeley

## Northern Section Report

LUCILLE WEST, *Chairman*

Elmhurst Junior High School, Oakland

The Philippine Book Drive, which was undertaken as a state wide project this year by the School Library Association of California, is still in progress in the northern part of the state, at the time this is being written. The committee in the north, however, wishes to take this opportunity to express its appreciation for the splendid co-operation which it has already received from the committee which is working in the south, from the members of the School Library Association, Northern Section, from the editors of the School Library Bulletin, the Sierra Educational

News, and the Western Journal of Education, from various publishing houses, public librarians, and all those who have contributed to the success of the drive.

Articles, giving publicity to the drive, appeared in the January issues of the Sierra Educational News, the School Library Bulletin, and the Western Journal of Education. As a result of this publicity the committee received many inquiries concerning the drive. Among these was one from Miss Dills, County Librarian of San Mateo County, who said that she had had many requests for further

information from people who had read the article in some one of these magazines. A similar letter has been received from Miss Gillis, Librarian of the State Library.

An interesting request for information came from a recently discharged soldier who is now living in Ohio. He had read the article in the Sierra News, which his wife was receiving because she had taught in California while he was in the service. He had been in Manila during the month of December, and was so impressed with the Filipinos' need for books that he wished to join us by organizing a drive among the boys of his Sunday School class.

Local committees have been working in Fresno, under Mrs. Fuller; in Monterey, under Miss Harriet Baker; in Oakland, under Miss Ethel Bell; in San Francisco, under Miss Marie Carroll; in Sacramento, under Miss Dolores Dillon; in San Jose, under Miss Helen Bullock; and in Stockton, under Miss Nan Sykes.

There has been an enthusiastic response from both the local committees and individual librarians. Sacramento sent in an exceptionally large contribution of books. In Chico, the combined efforts of Miss Alice Anderson of the state college, Miss Valentina Nielson, of the high school, and Miss Annabelle Patterson, of the public library, brought in many good books. Other outstanding contributions came from Hanford, Monterey, Fresno, Tamalpais Union High School, Watsonville, and Yuba City.

Petaluma, under Miss Barnard, sent, in addition to books, a donation of ten dollars from the high school P. T. A. Other checks, as well as books, came from the following towns: Santa Cruz, where a cookie sale under the direction of Aimme Hinds totaled \$41.31; San Jose with \$23.58; Dinuba, under the leadership of Miss Faith McCracken with \$15.58; Berkeley under Miss Patton, \$25.00; Marina Junior High School, in San Francisco under Miss Catherine Stal-

ford's direction \$23.10; \$38.02 collected at Horace Mann Junior High in San Francisco by Marie Delmos, and the record \$93.25 which was collected by Miss Van Sykes' committee in Stockton, together with \$25.00 from the Stockton Red Cross. This makes the total of money collected in the Northern part of the state \$294.84.

About 45,000 books have been collected up to the present time. Because of the pressure of work at the beginning of a new semester, both San Francisco and Oakland were delayed in starting their drives, and have not reported as yet on their collections. Berkeley has almost finished. Our state president, Miss Patton, who has directed the drive here, started it off with a broadcast given at the request of the Berkeley School Department, over KRE. She and Mrs. Van Nostrand of Berkeley High school were interviewed concerning the drive. Those who listened to this broadcast know that Miss Patton, by this means, gave most effective publicity to the drive throughout the Bay Area. She now reports more than 4,000 books collected in Berkeley.

In addition to the books collected by librarians, Macmillan, Rand and Silver Burdett publishing companies have each given several hundred books. Mr. Wagstaff of the Junior Literary Guild and Mr. Leslie of Macmillan's, each gave a substantial donation from their private libraries.

The special list of 266 books requested by the National Library in Manila was alphabetized and mimeographed by the committee in the South. It was agreed that the Southern section would be responsible for the remainder (M-Z). Our committee expects to collect these books during the month of May.

This committee wishes to thank Miss Doughty and her committee for the very fine co-operation they have given our group and for their courtesy in giving us the stencil of the alphabetized book list for the National Library.

# Philippine Book Drive

## Southern Section Report

ABBIE H. DOUGHTY, *Chairman*  
Jas. A. Garfield High School, Los Angeles

Your chairman feels that the Philippine Book Drive in the Southern Section has been very successful. When one considers the need the number of books collected is, of course, merely a "drop in the bucket." But if we take into consideration the smallness of our group and the limited area of the drive, it seems that we have every reason to be proud of our attainment.

The committee in the Southern Section consisted of a CORE COMMITTEE who planned the drive and a group of subchairmen in the various areas who did the real work. The CORE COMMITTEE were, Verna Clapp, Clara Jocelyn, Daisy Lake, Elizabeth Neal, Winifred Skinner, Edith Sperry, Marjorie Van Deusen, Vera Walls, Elizabeth Williams, Statie Weber, and your chairman, Abbie H. Doughty.

The sub-chairmen for the various areas were:

Edna Anderson—Long Beach.

Muriel Anderson—Orange County.

Winifred Andrews—South Pasadena.

Verna Clapp — San Bernardino County.

Goldie B. Ingles—Kern County.

Ada Jones—San Diego and Imperial Counties.

Daisy Lake—Glendale.

Elizabeth Neal — Compton, Downey, Norwalk.

Lura B. Nelson—Pasadena.

Nance O'Neal—Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties.

Marion G. Renschaw—Whittier and adjacent areas.

Bess Richardson — Santa Paula, Ventura area.

Elizabeth Williams — Los Angeles city.

To date reports have been received from all but three of these chairmen. Reports have not yet been received from Kern County, San Bernardino County and Whittier. Reports sent in show the following:

### Grand Total

Los Angeles City....	8,500
Long Beach .....	2,296
San Diego and Imperial Counties..	3,353
Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties .....	1,189
South Pasadena City .....	4,700
Pasadena (preliminary) .....	290
Other areas .....	2,992

Total books ..... 23,220

\$ 15.00  
400.00

\$415.00

To be sent in from San Diego 75.00

Total money on hand.....\$500.00

Many methods were used in the various schools to rouse interest and enthusiasm. San Diego High School had a tag day "BACK THE PHILIPPINES WITH BOOKS." Hoover High School in San Diego had an assembly with Marine Sergeant Ronnie Morgan and the Ventriloquist Dummy, Danny O'Neill. Much publicity was given through school papers, etc.

Publishers Representatives contributed many books which have not been included in the above report. Mr. Thorne of the Junior Literary Guild took his contribution directly

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# Professional Committee Report

MARJORIE T. FULLWOOD, *Chrmn.*

Franklin Junior High School, Long Beach

In making this report on the activities of the State Professional Committee of the School Library Association of California during the current school year, a brief statement of the projects undertaken is followed by recommendations for future objectives.

It has been increasingly evident that the lag of the war years is still working against school library progress. This is particularly true with regard to misunderstanding of the genuine functions of the school librarian or disregard of known standards. If such conditions continue it is to be feared that recruitment will become increasingly difficult and librarians already in the profession will be reluctant to remain.

In view of this, it seemed wise during this first post war year to concentrate our efforts on putting our professional point of view before the school administrators of the state, both elementary and secondary. Through various agencies, accepted and recommended standards, both as presented in the American Library Association report, **School Libraries for Today and Tomorrow: Functions and Standards** (i. e. The Douglas Report) and through direct statement of our own personnel in educational magazines, have been publicized.

A State Publicity Committee was appointed by the state president, Elizabeth Patton, with Mrs. Maurine Hardin as chairman, to work with the State Professional Committee on this project. The work of Mrs. Hardin and her committee has been invaluable. Through her, placement has been found for articles by several members of the association, not only in our own **Bulletin**, but also in the **Sierra Educational News**, the **School Executive**, and the **Western Journal**

**of Education**. Other articles on central school library cataloging and on the multiple guidance function of the school library have been planned for publication before the end of the school year.

It was originally intended to circulate on a state-wide basis of the association membership the checklist, based on The Douglas Report, compiled by Clara Josselyn, chairman of the southern section and her committee in collaboration with the Curriculum Coordinator of the Los Angeles County Secondary Schools, Mr. Alexander Frazier, but inasmuch as that committee extended its distribution to include all of Southern California, instead of Los Angeles County only, it appears logical to leave any state distribution to the Northern Section of School Library Association of California.

## Recommendations

It is recommended to future state professional committees that this joint project of publication of library viewpoints by the State Professional and the newly created State Publicity committees be continued and expanded.

It is recommended that the State Professional Committee, with the approval of the membership of both sections, ask for a revision of the Douglas Report, with the intention of making it more realistic.

Marie Canlis, school librarian at El Dorado School, is now Mrs. Peter Urizzola.

Nan Sykes has been librarian at the Edison High School for about a year.

Elsie Gates has entered school library work as a teacher-librarian with Mrs. Urizzola at the El Dorado School in Stockton.

# Annual Committee Reports

## Southern Section

**WINIFRED ANDREWS, *President***  
 South Pasadena-San Marino Junior High School

In bringing to a close the year's work, the president wishes to express her sincere thanks to all officers, committee chairmen and members who served the Association so well in our first year of peace. It should be gratifying for those who are about to assume new responsibilities in office to know that they may count on enthusiastic and active support from the membership.

Your president has had the opportunity to present the School Library Association of California before two groups: the Special Libraries Association in their fall meeting at Occidental College and the California Library Association, Southern District, April 6, 1946, at Claremont. The state wide aspects of our Association and its affiliations were stressed.

The year has marked a return to joint meetings with the Northern Section. Our representatives to the Joint Council meeting of the State Board and Northern and Southern Section Officers at Fresno, March 30, 1946, reported a very worthwhile conference looking forward to a state meeting of the entire membership in 1947. We regretted that our representation was not as large as we had anticipated due to inclement weather and illness. New friends were made and old friendships renewed as we shared the activities of each Section and heard more about the work of the State Association.

The reports which follow will summarize the activities of the Southern Section for the past year.

### **Treasurer's Report**

On hand Oct. 1, 1945.....\$ 70.68

Receipts

From membership

dues .....\$328.50  
 From other sources 125.35

453.85

Disbursements for the year.... 424.39

Balance, May 1, 1946..... 100.14

Mary Louise Fundenberg

Treasurer.

### **Report of the Book Breakfast**

So. Sect. S.L.A.C. 1945-1946

The school librarians of Southern California have evidenced again by their attendance, their interest and their support, the desirability of holding monthly book breakfasts.

This year we held six meetings and reported on 150 books. Forty people did the reviewing to a cumulated attendance of approximately 350 persons.

I believe the time honored informality of our meetings and the pleasant and friendly associations engendered, make these occasions as enjoyable as they are professionally stimulating. This committee has the sanction of years behind it and the constant enthusiasm of new books help keep it moving forward.

The first breakfast of the year was held Oct. 6. We met at Manning's coffee shop, 319 West 5th St., L. A., and were graciously given the mezzanine floor from 9:00 to 11:45 a. m.

We met at Manning's again the first Saturday of Nov., Jan., Feb. and March.

On December 4 the Southern Section held its winter meeting and our participation in that event was the sponsoring of a book display prepared and exhibited by the L. A. City School Library. We dispensed with our usual book evaluations at this meeting.



January was a bit rain soaked and dour looking to begin with but Miss Van Deusen rescued and repaid the 45 hardy souls who defied the elements and came out, by reporting on the A.L.A. meeting from which she had just returned.

February and March would have been pretty much routine sessions except that we had librarians from El Centro, Santa Paula, Bakersfield and numerous outposts that had been isolated by the war. This was very cheering.

For the April 6 meeting we accepted Miss Dorothy Drake's invitation to go to Claremont and join with the California Library Association for their spring meeting. This we did to the delight of all. It was a beautiful day, an excellent meeting and gave us an opportunity to express our feeling of unity with all branches of library work.

We want to thank all association members who gave of their time and talents and made of the breakfasts the mutually satisfying occasions they were meant to be. In spite of shortages and some unbalances in our lists we believe these meetings are still worth while.

Katherine F. Gibson  
Chairman.

#### **Report of the Membership Committee**

The Membership Committee was challenged by the excellent record of the committee of 1944-45. It has been our desire to reach every librarian in the Southern Section with our invitation to affiliate with the Association. To facilitate making contacts the Southern Section was divided into seventeen areas. In each area a librarian was asked to serve on the Membership Committee. Each member has been responsible for contacting all school librarians in her area and urging their joining the Association.

In September the Committee sent to every librarian a half page invitation to join. This was sent out with

the calendar of events which is prepared and mailed by the Secretary. In early November a brief postal invitation was sent to all who had not yet sent in their dues. The response to this second invitation was encouraging, but we were desirous of reaching those who seldom affiliate, particularly teacher-librarians and those in outlying, smaller communities. A personal contact of letter or phone call was made by each committee member with each librarian in her area who had not joined as of the first of 1946. About one hundred and sixty-five contacts were made. Though the response from a number of these will not benefit this year's membership, we hope the friendly contact of this year may help for another year. We are happy to report a membership of 221 librarians this year.

Margaret Vian,  
Chairman.

#### **Professional Committee**

This committee has worked closely with the Los Angeles County Schools Office in endeavoring to bring before all educational workers the best in school library practices of today; to study the chief problems confronting librarians; and to plan ways of solving these.

Three monographs were prepared for distribution:

1. A digest of the Douglas Report, made by Mr. Alexander Frazier of the County Office and the State and local professional chairmen.

2. A School Library Checklist; prepared by Mr. Frazier from materials in the Douglas Report. This was given to the Professional Committee for suggestive changes and then sent to over 200 librarians for checking.

3. School Librarians Name Their Problems, prepared by the County Office from results from the above questionnaire. This pamphlet sponsored by the School Library Association—Southern Section and the Divi-

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# Annual Committee Reports

## Northern Section

**DOROTHY MCGEE, *President***

Theodore Judah Elementary School, Sacramento

Working with the section and state officers, committee chairman and members, and knowing of the support of the entire membership has made this term a most pleasant one. During the year we have made an advancement in getting together, in that one general meeting was held in May. We look forward to more meetings of the entire membership in the future.

The reports submitted by each committee indicates much effort and interest in the advancement of our profession. The advice and encouragement of each member of the council was greatly appreciated, and the assistance given by each member in many ways, is the reason for the progress that has been made this year.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Balance on hand June 23,	
1945 .....	\$ 10.30
Receipts for the year.....	349.13
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Disbursements for the year....	230.21
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Balance on hand April 27,	
1946 .....	\$129.22

### **Audio-Visual Aids Committee**

A bibliography of Teaching With, and Sources of, Audio-Visual Aid materials was prepared for the teacher who wishes to acquire new or basic techniques in the field.

### **Auditing Committee**

The Treasurer's books were audited at the beginning, middle and end of the term.

### **Budget Committee**

A tentative budget was made to be used as a guide in the future.

### **C.T.A. Representative**

Several meetings were attended during the year by our representative, who was a member of several committees, and was elected a representative of the CTA at the National Convention.

### **College Committee**

Only Junior College problems were considered. After correspondence, tabulations were made, copies being sent to each librarian replying, with a suggestion additional correspondence be carried on with those having relative problems.

### **Elementary Committee**

A very worth while and usable list of all elementary teacher-librarians throughout the Northern Section was prepared. In places where there were no teacher-librarians, the person in charge of such work was listed.

### **History and Records Committee**

Current material was collected and also material to fill in past gaps. A list of all past state and section officers was completed and filed for future nominating committees.

### **Junior High Committee**

An extensive annotated list of biographies of musicians was prepared, and arranged according to reading level and interest.

### **Membership Committee**

A most successful gain was noted in the membership this year. To date two hundred and five memberships have been received. Membership blanks and a "pep" message were sent to all librarians at the beginning of the year.

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# University High School (Berkeley) Memorial Collection

*(This article is a cooperative project of the student committee under the leadership of Henry Snyder, student chairman.)*

War memorials are being established in honor of the many men who died in the service of their country in small towns and great cities thruout the United States.

At University High School, in Oakland, California, we have established a memorial both to former students and teachers of our school. This memorial is in the form of a book collection. The books are dedicated to definite individuals as a personal way of showing appreciation. These books are dedicated with each person's interests in mind and may include a picture or article of the one whose loss was felt so deeply.

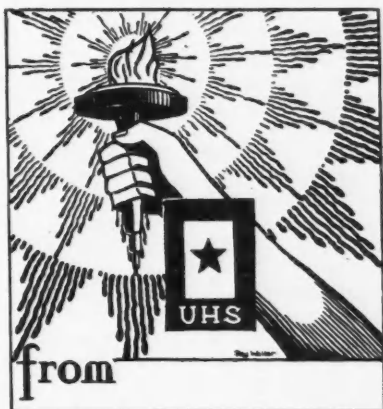
Miss Boyd, our librarian, suggested the book collection. The graduating class of January, 1945, gave their class gift in the form of money with which the first books in the collection were purchased. Since then, the duty of the present committee, and of all future committees, is to carry on their work by selecting more books and by keeping the collection in good condition. Thus, University High School will always have a memorial to these associates whose memory it reveres.

At the beginning of the 1945 fall term, the present committee, consisting of four teachers and eight students, was appointed and the actual work of the committee was begun. After setting up procedures and regulations, our next duty was to procure more books for the collection.

We made a trip to one of our local bookstores. In the selection of books we tried to pick those which were especially attractive or interesting. Most of our selections were taken from the issues of various fine press-

es. One of our first choices was "New Helvetia Diary," the personal diary of John Sutter between 1845-1848, published by the Grabhorn Press. We picked this book because it is one of the finest sources of material on Sutter's Fort, is printed on hand-made paper, and has a beautiful format. Among our other selections were "The Poems of Emerson," published by Heritage Press, and the three great epics of the ancients, the "Iliad," the "Aeneid," and the "Odyssey," which are also published by Heritage. In the Doubleday Doran limited edition series we bought "Gulliver's Travels" and "Robinson Crusoe." In these selections we tried

## IN MEMORIAM



to get books on many different topics such as outdoor sports, natural science and poetry.

Inasmuch as our funds were depleted after these purchases we decided to hold a school drive for funds. We invited the school administrators

to a tea and asked their advice on the drive. After getting their advice and approval, we saw the editors of the school paper and as a result the Armistice day issue was partly devoted to the collection. On one of the pages of the paper the bookplate was reproduced with a list of the casualties from our school, and various articles about the committee, and the collection were included. Then the drive was started in earnest. The members of the committee visited each English class and gave a short talk. At the end of the drive, our treasurer reported that the students had contributed eighty dollars.

In the meantime we received donations of money and books from interested parents and friends. In memory of Crystal Harford, one of our former teachers who passed away at this time, we received many gifts to be dedicated to her.

We started our activities this term with a second trip to the book store. We bought books in all fields, including fine editions. Among our selections were the Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin, published by the Peter Pauper Press, and "Moby Dick," published by Heritage Press. In the scientific field we procured "The Glass Giant of Palomar." Also the books selected included "World War II in Pictures," "The Bach Reader," "The Romance of Tristan and Iseult," and many others. These, with the gifts we received, brought the number of books to over forty.

The collection always received much publicity within our school and word of it reached the outside world. An article about the memorial books appeared in one of our local newspapers. At one of the night meetings of the University Parent-Teachers' Association, we repeated the talk we had given previously in connection with our drive for donations last term. The PTA must have been impressed by our project, for not long after this talk we received a gift of ten dollars from them. At the University of Cali-

fornia we spoke again a few weeks later to a class of English cadet teachers. We escorted a group of students of the University of California's School of Librarianship around the school, and served them tea.

Not only have we achieved a successful memorial, but we have acquired a collection of books which the school is quite proud to possess because of the material contained and the fine editions. The committee has worked efficiently and in complete harmony. We have learned many things about books, and it has helped to make us as well as the entire school a little more book-conscious. Economy is emphasized, and our purchases are carefully chosen because our funds are limited. The teachers on the committee have given us a free hand in many matters, and we are pleased to know that it is more student-controlled than any other committee of its kind. We make the final decisions in our selections of books, and we have one of the most successful and interesting committees in the school.

At our meetings we generally serve refreshments, and one of our four teachers acts as refreshment chairman. Needless to say, she is one of the most popular members of our committee. At our meetings we discuss the collection and future activities, and we invite visitors to join us many times. Recently the father of one of the boys to whom we are dedicating books visited the committee and told us about his son.

At the present time the committee is busy dedicating the different books and placing in each one a copy of our bookplate which was made for us by a student in the art department. When finished the books will be placed in a glass case in the library where the students are free to use them. Already forty-three books are in the case. By the end of the term we hope to have at least one

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## In Retrospect . . .

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### S. L. A. C. Material Placements.

1. At the request of Miss Gillis an article by your president, the "School Library Association of California Past and Present," was published in the Western Journal of Education, November 1945 issue.

2. Each organization affiliated with C. T. A. is asked to contribute an article to Sierra Educational News. The year's activities under "School Libraries" was submitted for the May 1946 issue.

3. At the request of Miss Snow, A. A. S. chairman, publicity on the Philippine Book Drive appeared in A. A. S. L. Newsletter for February, 1946.

### Joint Executive Board Meeting. Fresno, March 30-31, 1946.

This Conference brought together a group of State and Section officers and committee chairmen eager to work out state-wide projects.

### Handbook.

Work was begun on an up-to-date and adequate Handbook of our State Association. This will be completed through the united efforts of many of our members.

### Manual.

A Manual, to include the duties and obligations of the State and Section officers and committee chairmen was also started.

### Constitution.

The Constitution Committee has revised and brought our Constitution up to date.

We close this first postwar year with the largest membership in the history of the Organization. The success of the year's work has been through the cooperative efforts of the State and Section officers and committees, the Bulletin staff which has given so much of its time and effort in maintaining our Bulletin's same high standard and the mem-

bership at large for their loyal support in making our worthy State-wide project, The Philippine Book Drive, such a success.

It has been a pleasure and an inspiration to work with you, and I deeply appreciate the fine spirit of cooperation in all that you have done for our Association.

Looking forward to an even more closely united organization and continued accomplishments I extend my best wishes to our incoming State president, Mrs. Gibson.

### Highlights of Joint Meeting . . .

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ciation publication, a BULLETIN; a quarterly. Of the 108 magazines examined only fifty had school library articles. "It is important that more articles be published in more educational journals and that more of them in school library work be written by administrators," was the conclusion of the committee.

The climax of the week-end was reached when Marjorie Van Deusen, our state representative to the A. L. A. Council, told of the A. L. A. Midwinter Council meeting, in Chicago, last December. Her graphic word pictures gave us a feeling of acquaintanceship with the personalities who participate in national leadership. She mentioned her pride in the fact that our BULLETIN is to be used as a model for the national one to begin publication next January, by the A. A. S. L. The general feeling is that the library is an educational force. Recruiting is difficult because the public doesn't know the work of librarians.

Since our state membership has grown so splendidly this year she suggested that we may be granted an additional representative from our State Council to A. L. A.

At the conclusion of a week-end of accomplishments, Miss Patton expressed appreciation to our Fresno hostesses who had made such happy arrangements for us. Mrs. Effie John-

son, Vice-President of the Northern Section, had the assistance of other Fresno librarians, Mrs. Melissa Fuller, Adelia Tompkins and Eda Kusch.

Miss Patton mentioned the need for unity and greater professional progress as we are launching the fourth decade in our history. She then read an inspiring message from our first state president, Ella Morgan. It was a letter of spirit, courage and vision to send us on our respective ways with the same hope for the future the writer had pioneered in so many years ago. We must continue to hold the light high.

### **Philippine Book Drive—Southern...**

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to the Coast Van Lines. Dr. Hollis P. Allen, Professor of Education of Claremont Graduate School, wrote saying that they had collected and had ready for shipment what he described as "between five and eight tons" of educational text books, periodicals, etc. These he asked to send with those of our association since his collection was an individual effort for which no transportation had been arranged. Naturally I connected the Coast Van Lines and I wrote him that he could get in touch with them and they would take charge of the shipment of this large amount of materials.

There is no way of calculating accurately the total number of volumes that have been contributed, and it would seem likely that the total is half as large again as the number here reported.

The money in the treasury is yet to be spent. It is the opinion of this chairman that the National Library List, for the most part, is better ignored and that the money we have on hand should be spent either for childrens' books, in which our total was especially lacking, or for encyclopedias and dictionaries and other expensive materials. However this is the task of the committee

which it was decided at Fresno should be appointed to handle the disbursements of the funds.

### **Committee Reports—Southern...**

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sion of Secondary Education, Los Angeles County Schools, has been distributed to librarians thruout the Southland.

Marjorie T. Fullwood,  
Chairman  
State Professional Committee.

### **Report of the Program Committee**

The annual December meeting of the Southern Section of the School Library Association of California was held at the Friday Morning Club in Los Angeles on Saturday, December 1st. At the morning session Miss Van-ya Oakes, foreign correspondent and author, spoke on the subject "East Can Meet West." After luncheon, the program continued with a talk and demonstration on Christmas art by Mildred Bryant Brooks, artist and etcher.

The annual spring meeting was held in Laguna Beach, Saturday, May 4th. At the morning session held in the Laguna Beach High School library, Miss Xenia Zytomirska, counselor of the Polish consulate in charge of cultural relations on the west coast, spoke most ably on present-day Poland. Dr. Henry David Gray, pastor of the Oneonta Congregational church in South Pasadena, spoke at the luncheon session. Dr. Gray's recent trip to Great Britain was the basis of his excellent talk on the subject "Are Britain's Educators Moving Left?"

We of the Southern Section have been fortunate this year in having secured outstanding speakers for our meetings. It is gratifying to the program committee to have succeeded in bringing worth while speakers to an audience so well-qualified to appreciate the best.

Janice Pidduck  
Chairman.

### Publicity Committee

News items concerning our major meetings were sent to: American Library Association, National Education Association Journal, Library Journal, Wilson Bulletin, Sierra Educational News, Los Angeles and Pasadena newspapers.

Norma Hage, Publicity Chairman  
California School Library Association  
Southern Section.

### Social Committee

The Social Committee was responsible for the arrangements at the two general meetings of the year. The first, a luncheon, was held December 1, 1945, in conjunction with two institute sessions of the Los Angeles City and County Boards of Education. Over 250 guests, both librarians and teachers, were present at the Friday Morning Club.

The Spring meeting planned for May 4 at Laguna Beach will consist of a business meeting, installation of officers and speaker at Laguna Beach High School, followed by a luncheon at the Hotel Laguna.

One or more members of the Committee has always attended the monthly Book Breakfasts to welcome new members. In addition it has sent card or flowers to members who were ill.

Miss Annette Mackie,  
Chairman.

### C.T.A. Representative

Your C.T.A. representative for Southern Section has attended all Southern Council meetings and has served on the legislative committee. As this is not a legislative year, the committee has worked on a publicity letter to go out to various club groups about education in California. Southern Council voted to increase the dues of members.

Elizabeth Neal.

Alma Fricke has been appointed librarian to succeed Miss Hrubesky at Adams Junior High School.

### Committee Reports—Northern . . .

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#### Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee of the S.L.A.C. Northern Section, nominated the following officers for the year 1946-47.

#### Northern Section Officers

President—Maurine Hardin, Oakland.

Vice-President — Marie Delmas, San Francisco.

Secretary — Irma Robison, Oakland.

Treasurer—Harriet M. Baker, Monterey.

#### State Officers

Vice-President — Bess Landfear, San Francisco.

Treasurer—Ruth Lockwood, Kentfield.

The Southern Section submitted the following candidates:

#### State Officers

President — Katherine F. Gibson, Los Angeles.

Secretary—Daisy Lake, Glendale.

Bulletin Editor—Ben Evans, Bakersfield.

The ballots have been mimeographed and sent out to all paid members of the Northern Section. Not all of the ballots have been returned.

#### Professional Committee

A survey was taken of the opinions of California school librarians, graduating in the last ten years, in regard to the adequacy or inadequacy of the training they received in library school. The heads of the California Library Schools were informed of the project and their comments and criticisms noted. The work of the committee is to continue and the various replies will be tabulated.

#### Program Committee

Luncheon meetings were the means used to bring the Northern



Section members together this year. Each one was highlighted by an interesting speaker and has been "international" in scope. Mrs. H. C. Mei, spoke on "Women of China"; Dr. J. P. Harris, on "Work with the U.N.R.R.A."; and Sirdar C. Singh, on "Renaissance in India."

#### **Publicity Committee**

Having a large committee throughout Northern California made the work of this committee most effective. Contacts were made with professional publications, superintendents' bulletins, and notices of meetings and activities received notice throughout newspapers of the Northern Section.

#### **Senior High Committee**

A questionnaire concerning library-classroom contacts was sent to high school librarians to determine services offered, facilities available, and suggestions to make the library work more effective.

#### **Memorial Collection . . .**

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dedicated to each boy who died in the service of our country during World War II.

With this in mind we are planning future activities: first another drive for funds near Memorial Day; more trips to the book stores; additional newspaper articles; and, finally, further excursions, one of which will be to Oakland High School to visit its committee and collection.

In this way, we hope to keep the collection continually growing and always in the minds of the students. Thus we will achieve a two-fold purpose: a memorial to honor past teachers and students and a book collection to stimulate and inspire the students.

WAC Carolyn Palmer, on military leave, is librarian of the reserve bookroom in the American University for service men in Biarritz, France.

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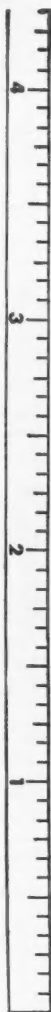
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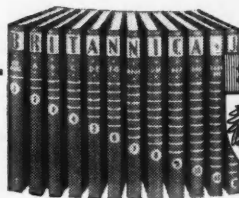
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